



After serious complications following esophageal cancer surgery, Howard Martin Shannon left this life peacefully on Friday, September 21st, surrounded by his family as he was escorted into the Kingdom of heaven.

Howard was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended the University of GA where he met and married his college sweetheart, Gail, in June of 1966. In 1971 he moved his family to Santa Barbara. Howard became a very successful real estate developer of Self Storage facilities and management of commercial property. He opened Santa Barbara's first storage facility 40 years ago and expanded his business throughout the country.

Howard derived great joy in helping those in need. He served for many years on the board of St. Innocent Orphanage in Mexico, was instrumental in starting the building expansion of St. Barbara Monastery in Ojai, and helped implement the starting of the Recovery Ranch House in Santa Ynez.

"What will we do without our Deacon Howard?" is the often repeated question heard over the past few weeks. This question came from family, friends, business partners, and employees - anyone whose life he had touched over his 69 years with us. Waitresses, workers around his home and sales people in local bagel and candy shops can't imagine their daily routines without the warmth of his presence. He was generous to ANYONE in need - from all walks of life.

Howard's warm and loving heart was obvious to all. His playful spirit and fun-loving personality never failed to brighten your day. We may not know what we will do without the presence of Howard Shannon in our lives, but one thing we do know: Howard is in the arms of God, and it is truly well with his soul!



Howard Leaves Behind a Legacy of Love:

His loving wife, Gail and five children:
Travis (*Tracy*), Judson (*Claudia*), Courtney, Jesse (*Devlynne*) and Casey (*Stephanie*). His grandchildren are Jordan, Conor (*Travis*); Olivia, Francis (*Judson*); Briana, Brody (*Courtney*); Caden, Katherine, Kyle and Casey (*Jesse*); Sebastian, Brigid (*Casey*) and great grandchild, Makoa (*Briana*).

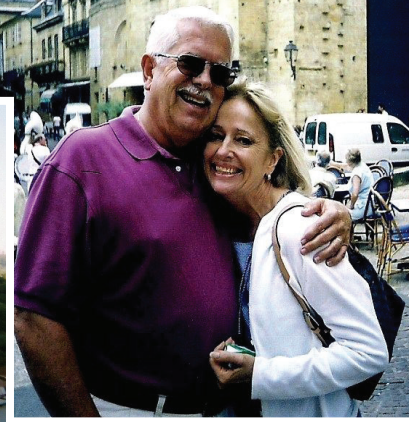
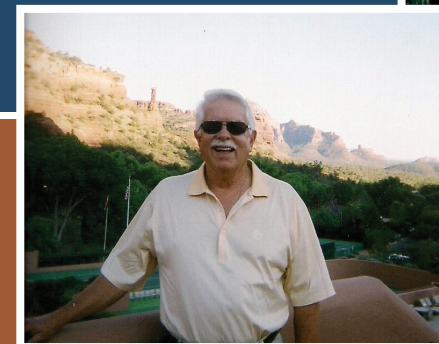
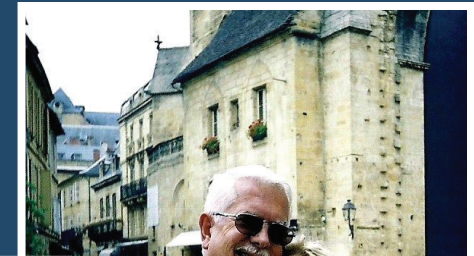
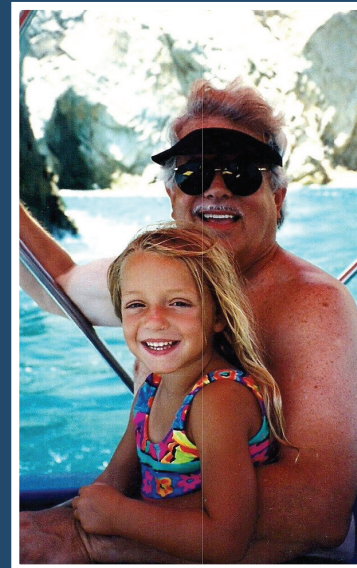
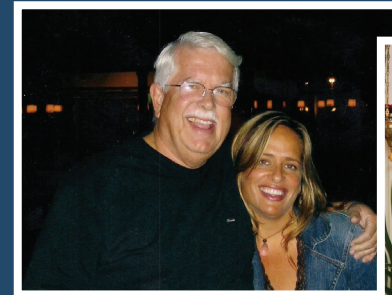
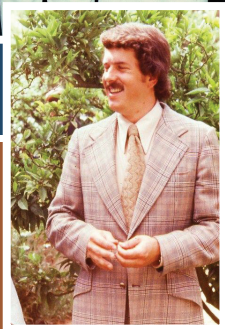
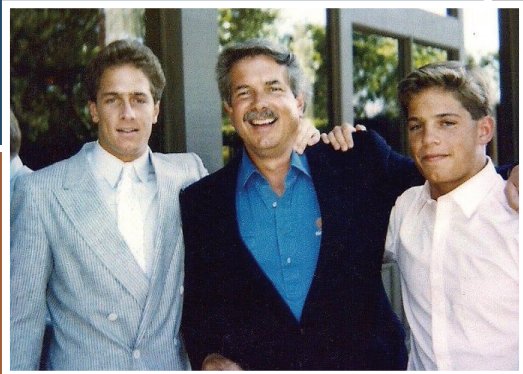
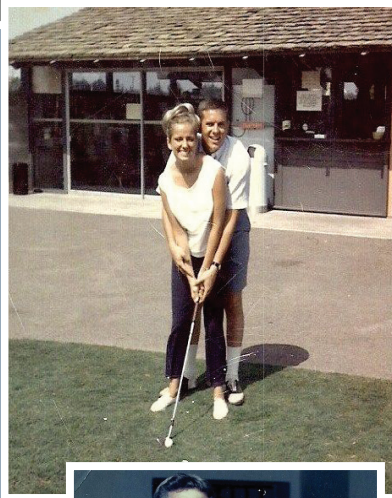
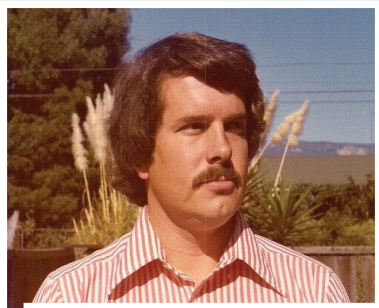
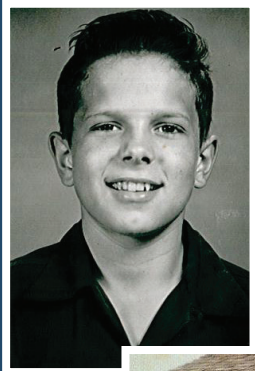
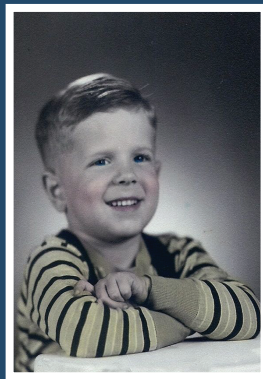


Memory Eternal!

DN. HOWARD MARTIN SHANNON

"Poppy"

September 10, 1943 - September 21, 2012



MICAH 6:8

And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.